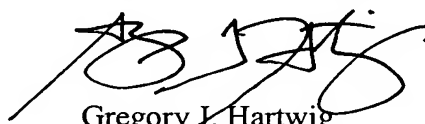


Remarks

This preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

If a conference call would be useful in resolving issues arising from the filing of this communication, please contact the undersigned at the below-noted number.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. J. Hartwig', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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